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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK

In re patent application of:

) Art Unit: 1617

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For: SHARK DETERRENT



IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please hold in abeyance all requirements for  
corrections to the drawings until the case has been allowed.

#### ELECTION OF RESTRICTION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated October 5, 2000,  
please consider that the claims 12 - 24 describe hardware  
which becomes an integral part of the final structure of the  
chemical constituents of this invention which are described  
in claims 1 - 11. The hardware constituents claimed in 12 -  
24 have no ability to act as a shark deterrent unless used  
in conjunction with the chemicals as described in claims 1 -  
11. Claims 1 - 11 depend on the hardware described in claims  
12 - 24 to be included in their structure in order to  
prolong the melting of the chemicals in claims 1 - 11. These  
chemicals would melt far too rapidly in sea water without  
the use of the hardware described in claims 12 - 24. The

melting time cannot be otherwise extended to be of a practical duration without the invention as it is taught by all 24 claims.

I respectfully request that you reconsider the restriction and allow all 24 claims to be issued as one patent.

If this cannot be done as I hope it can be done then kindly accept my selection of claims 1 - 11 as representing my election of the invention to be examined with traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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